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Motions for Fine Gael Ard Fheis

CHIEF interest in the Fine Gael Ard Fheis to-morrow will centre on the speech with which Mr. W. T. Cosgrave will close his political career, and the outline of policy by his successor as president of the organisation.

A variety of interests is catered for in the 94 resolutions tabled for discussion, and likely to occupy a full two days' programme. Apart from organisation demands, which reveal an anxiety to put the party machine into more smooth-running order and to secure younger candidates of ability for the various constituencies, virtually every aspect of national, economic and domestic affairs will come under consideration. The National Government ideal again is put forward as best serving the interests of the country internally and externally, and the congress is asked for a lead in policy regarding national re-union.

A suggestion that the present scheme of National Health Insurance be replaced by a system of State insurance, which would enable employers to choose their own insurance company, is, with a proposal for the formulation of a scheme by which producers in Eire for export to England be paid in kind, among the most interesting of the recommendations. The forthcoming transport merger will come in for keen criticism on two resolutions calling for vigorous Dail opposition to any attempt to create a monopoly of the transport requirements of the country.

On the agricultural side the emphasis is on land division, and there is a call for economic holdings of not less than thirty acres.

Quite a number of resolutions are devoted to supplies, notable among them being a protest against the amount of wet turf per ton being sold in Dublin, and a demand for control of all food prices. Principal among educational matters will be a demand for a competent commission of inquiry into national policy in respect of the Irish language.

In one motion it is sought that aliens be refused the right to change their names by deed poll, or that they should be compelled to show their original names in a prominent place on their business premises. Another motion asks for a thorough examination by the State of the aliens question, in order to ascertain the number and nationality of all aliens entering the State in the last six years, the number of factories owned by such aliens, the rates of wages paid by them to their employees, details of their purchases of ground rents and their hire purchase activities. It is also sought to secure that the franchise be not extended to non-nationals residing in the country only since 1937.

Finally, a Limerick resolution asks the Government to refuse to pay the dole to healthy able-bodied people whose services to the food supply of the country are so badly needed.

Deposed Monaghan Minister's Writ

Mr R. J. Skelton, former minister of Glennan Presbyterian Church, Co. Monaghan, has issued a writ against members of a Commission of the General Assembly, by whom he was deposed from the ministry after he had been acquitted of a criminal charge at the Belfast City Commission. Mr. Skelton appeared before the Assembly's Commission on a serious scandal charge. He alleges that there were irregularities in the procedure and that he was illegally deprived of his constitutional rights.

Illness of Mr. Montagu Norman

The following bulletin was issued from the Bank of England last night concerning Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor, who is suffering from a slight infection of the lung, following influenza:—

"The condition of Mr. Montagu Norman is unchanged to-night. A further bulletin will be issued to-morrow." The Press Association learns that Mr. Norman, who is 72, is making a good fight and is not losing ground.

ALLIED SPEARHEADS NEARING ROME HIGHWAY

SPEARHEADS of General Alexander's landing forces are less than eight miles from the Appian Highway to Rome, and British and American artillery is already shelling the road, which is also within range of Allied cruisers off shore, states Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied Headquarters.

A new landing of Allied invasion forces N.W. of Nettuno and an Allied attack over the entire width of the southern Italian front was reported by German radio last night. A Rome radio message stated that Allied forces had captured Littorio.

"Fateful Hour"

"THIS is a fateful hour for Italians," Rome Radio stated last night. "We know that the fate of Rome is at stake.

"This time no Italians are there to defend it. But the Germans will defend Rome with the same bravery with which they are fighting on the 5th Army front."—(Reuter.)

The first German reaction—the launching of powerful counter-attacks along the Garighano front—may be a covering action while the three crack Panzer divisions recently sent south from the Rome area are drawn back, states Reuter's Correspondent.

Reports say that motor convoys are streaming north-west along the Cassino Rome road, and the forces these carry may be used to screen the German communication lines.

Allied forces are meanwhile shelling road and rail key points over a wide area to prevent Marshal Kesselring calling up forces in any strength.

As the bridgehead is expanded the limited unloading facilities at Anzio, a small fishing port near Nettuno, are probably at the disposal of the Allies. It is reported that nothing there has been damaged.

Opposition is still light and ineffective.

Karl Praegner, German News Agency correspondent on the Italian front, said last night that the Allied forces in Italy have now started an offensive on a wide front—to tie down the German troops. He reported later that American scout units had entered Aprilia, but were thrown out again. Aprilia is ten miles inland along the road from Anzio, and is only four miles from the Appian Way. At this point the Allies would be 23 miles from Rome.

Quoting German reports, Cairo Radio said late last night: "The Allies have already advanced 14 miles towards the seaplane base of Lido di Roma, at the mouth of the Tiber, and have reached the Appian Way, thirty miles from Rome."—(Reuter.)

COUNTER-ATTACKS

Kesselring's attacks on the Fifth Army front were made with the full strength of the nine divisions available to him. He struck at the French, American and British sectors simultaneously. Stiff fighting is now going on along the whole front. These counter-attacks may be intended to allow a wholesale withdrawal unopposed, or may have been launched in the hope of delivering such a devastating blow that they would force the Fifth Army well back beyond hope of linking up with the new bridgehead.

Despite the ferocity of the attacks on the northern flank, where the French on Mount Croce present a serious threat to the Gustav Line, the Germans have not broken through.

The Americans, who had broken through the heavily mined and wired outer fringe of the Gustav Line in the San Angelo sector, have been forced back across the river in some of the bloodiest hand to hand fighting yet seen in Italy. So savage and powerful is the German attack that the Americans had exhausted their ammunition before reaching the river bank, and rearguards fought off the Germans with bayonets to gain time for the main body of troops to make the 120ft. wide crossing of the river.

At the southern end of the lower Garigliano, between Castelforte and Minturno, a night attack to retake Damiano Ridge was driven back by the British in the hardest fighting they have seen since the river was crossed. The southern flank, like the northern, is holding firm.

The Allied Air Forces continue to support the troops in great strength. Heavy, medium and light bombers again dropped a curtain of bombs ahead of the troops advancing from the beach-heads south of Rome on Sunday. Flying Fortresses and Liberators, teaming up with Mitchells and Marauders, carried out a series of heavy attacks against communications on the Fifth Army front around Cassino, preventing Kesselring from pulling out any troops.

Over the Eighth Army front, R.A.F. Kittybombers and Spitfires kept German forces pinned down, destroyed or damaged 100 motor transport vehicles, put a tank out of action and damaged two others.

G.S.R. TRIBUNAL TO SIT NEXT SATURDAY

The Great Southern Railways Stocks Tribunal will meet on Saturday next, with Mr. Justice Overend as chairman, to make formal orders directing the banks to facilitate the inquiry by furnishing the information in their possession concerning transactions in stock between January 1st and November 18th, 1943.

The sitting will take place at 10.30 a.m., in the High Courts, and will be entirely formal. This procedure is essential to secure proper legal form from the viewpoint of the banking institutions.

Stockbrokers' returns of transactions have been reaching the Tribunal in large quantities during the last three weeks, and they still are flowing in. In the 10½ months' period under review the number of transactions has been very considerable, and the listing and investigation of them will entail very heavy work by the Tribunal before a public sitting is possible. This task will occupy at least a month.

The Tribunal has been set up by the Oireachtas to investigate allegations of Stock Exchange speculation in G.S.R. stock, based on a leakage of information of the company's plans for financial reorganisation.

French and German Targets Bombed

AMERICAN Marauders and R.A.F. medium bombers, escorted and supported by R.A.F. Dominion and Allied fighters, yesterday attacked military objectives in Northern France, says Press Association The attack, which was concentrated on military objectives in the Pas de Calais area, was aided by good visibility. Nearly 200 Marauders took part in the attack against these targets. Flak was negligible and all Marauders returned safely.

Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by U.S. Thunderbolts, Lightnings and Mustangs, bombed targets in Western Germany yesterday. Twenty-one German aircraft were destroyed, two by the heavy bombers and nineteen by the fighters.

This morning R.A.F. Typhoon fighters on offensive patrol destroyed three German aircraft off the Dutch coast. From all operations two heavy bombers, one fighter-bomber, and ten fighters are missing.

Germans Missed Armada

"THE landing was a total surprise for the Germans, who were unable to detect the enormous armada which left Naples and sailed along the coast," General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, C.-in-C. in the Mediterranean, stated last night in a broadcast from Radio Algiers.

"This great advantage," he continues, "was obtained, thanks to the admirable work done by the air forces, which attacked the enemy's airfields in the Rome area, thus keeping the Luftwaffe grounded and depriving the Germans in this critical period of all means of aerial reconnaissance.

"The armada arrived at the beaches at zero hour escorted by Allied warships.

"The beaches themselves constituted one of the most formidable obstacles we had to overcome owing to the sandbanks which kept our landing boats at a fair distance from them; but this difficulty was surmounted, and so far all is going well.

"If the enemy attacks our bridgehead we shall know how to cope with such an eventuality. When the battle develops we may find ourselves face to face with a second Salerno, but with this difference—on the present occasion our air forces, and part of our ground forces, will be much closer to the new bridgehead."

He added that if weather conditions are favourable "these new movements will offer us the opportunity we are seeking, that of making felt our full superiority in the air, at sea, and on land."

General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson.

Peace Drive Disclosures

The New York Press yesterday published reports that former members of the "America First" organisation are planning a movement to secure a compromise peace.

The *New York Post*, under the heading "Peace Now Drive Exposed," says members of the organisation are operating through a body calling itself the "Peace Now" Movement, which has headquarters in New York. "As a result of intensive investigation of this 'peace movement,' we have been able to obtain evidence to disclose four important things," it adds.

"1—'Peace Now' is seeking to recruit key American firsters throughout the United States to create local units of the movement.

"2—Charles Lindbergh and Senators Wheeler and Nye and other Congressmen have been privately informed of the movements programme.

"3—The 'Peace Now' Movement is distributing by mail thousands of pamphlets and handbills demanding a negotiated peace, and

"4—The Movement's organisers are considering forming a political peace party for the coming Presidential election."

The *New York Post* adds that Senators Wheeler and Nye have given advice to at least one of the leaders of "Peace Now," but there is no evidence of Lindbergh's attitude to the movement.—(Reuter.)

No Automatic Victory In 1944

MR. DINGLE FOOT, Parliamentary Secretary to the British Ministry of Economic Warfare, told the Oxford University Liberal Association last night that in a sense their task was harder to-day than in 1940, since to-day they had not only to prosecute the war but plan the peace as well.

"We may reasonably hope that Germany will be defeated this year. But it is sheer folly to assume, as some seem to, that victory in Europe is automatically bound to happen in 1944. It is obviously true that the German Government faces an extremely grave situation.

"Their armies have sustained a series of defeats. Their aircraft production has been crippled by precision. Their cities are being devastated, and as a combined result of bombing and blockade they face an extremely acute man-power problem. But it does not follow that we are going to see anything in the nature of an early collapse.

WILL TO RESIST

"No doubt there are points of comparison with 1918. But the differences are even more striking. In the first place the rulers of Germany are far more ruthless, able and determined than were their predecessors of twenty-five years ago. Secondly, the main cause of the German surrender in 1918 was the decline in the fighting quality of the German troops, and its effect on the mind of the Generals. To-day the German armies, despite their reverses, show no signs of disintegration.

"Thirdly, unlike 1918, there are no opposition parties, who can translate the economic discontents of the population into political action.

"Fourthly, in the last war many in Germany believed that President Wilson's Fourteen Points offered them a convenient loop-hole through which they could escape from the consequences of defeat. There is no such impression to-day. The will to resist is unquestionably stronger than it was in 1918."

"During the coming months the working hours of every man and women in this country must be utilised to the utmost," said Sir Stafford Cripps, British Minister of Aircraft Production, opening Health Week at a Midland aero-engine factory in England yesterday.

"We cannot afford," he said "to let lack of efficiency, absenteeism, or any other reason hinder prospects of our final victory in Europe during 1944. The only thing which could prevent our finishing the war in Europe this year would be the failure of the people on the factory front to provide our fighting men with the implements they need."

AMERICAN WAR PLANTS TO BE SEIZED

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday ordered the American Navy Department to seize and operate war plants of the York Safe and Lock Co., of County York, Pennsylvania, because of "unsatisfactory management conditions."

The company has 100,000,000 dollars (about £25,000,000) worth of war contracts on hands.—(Reuter.)

British Officers Escape from Italians

THREE British Service leaders who were captured by the Italians, and were prisoners of war in Italy, have escaped. They are Lieutenant-General Sir Richard O'Connor, Lieutenant-General Philip Neame, V.C., and Air-Marshal O. T. Boyd.

When Italy capitulated last September, General Neame, General O'Connor, and Air Vice-Marshal Boyd were reported to be at the prisoners of war camp at the Villa la Massa, at Candeli, five miles from Florence. General O'Connor, a tank expert, who has been called "Wavell's right hand man," and General Neame were captured near Derna, in the Western Desert, in April, 1941.

Air Vice-Marshal Boyd, who is 54, was captured by the Italians in November, 1940, when his 'plane made a forced landing while taking him to his new post as Deputy to the Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East.

It is learned that the three officers have now returned to England. They took advantage of the general confusion which prevailed among the guards at their camp when the news of the Italian capitulation arrived, and, with other officer prisoners, were able to walk out and reach the British lines, says the Press Association.

New Army Chiefs For Far East

The British War Office announced the following appointments last night:—

To be Commander-in-Chief Army Group in South-east Asia—General Sir George Giffard, G.C.B., D.S.O.

To be Commander 14th Army—Lieutenant-General W. J. Slim, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

General Sir George Giffard has been G.O.C.-in-C., West Africa, since July, 1941. Aged 57, he has spent over thirty years of his service in Africa. He was Military Secretary at the War Office some months before the outbreak of war.

Lieutenant-General Slim, Indian Army, who commands the 14th Army on the Burma frontier, is 52. Since July, 1940, he has been continuously on active service in East Africa, Iraq, Syria, Persia and Burma, and has probably seen as much active service in command as any other general in this war. He is an expert on jungle warfare. The 14th Army was built around the units which fought in Burma. It includes men from Britain and India. American and Chinese troops are also in its ranks.

No Explosives by Post

Matches and cartridges must not be sent through the post. The Minister for Posts and Telegraphs has issued a warning that the sending of explosives is a misdemeanour punishable by fine and imprisonment. The contents of such a packet are liable to be dealt with as the Minister may direct.

New Commissioner Of Public Works

The Minister for Finance has appointed Mr. George P. Fagan to be a Commissioner of Public Works, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement under the age limit of Mr. Pierce Kent.

Mr. Fagan has been in the Civil Service since 1914. He joined the Army during the last war, had a commission in the Royal Artillery, and won the M.C. On returning to the Civil Service, he served in the Stationery Office, the Post Office, the Housing Department of the Local Government Board, and the Department of Finance. Since 1931 he has been with the Office of Public Works, first as Accountant, and since 1937 as Secretary. He is a native of Dublin.

Eggs Will Be Cheaper

"The price of eggs during the coming months will be much lower than last year, provided that the producers generally market appreciably increased quantities," a Dublin egg exporter told an *Irish Times* reporter.

The export of eggs has been resumed since the beginning of the year, and the export price has recently been reduced by twopence a dozen.

Disappearance of Army Petrol

Our Limerick correspondent states that ten people have been served with summonses to appear at the Special Criminal Court, Dublin, on February 8th, on charges arising out of the disappearance of petrol from Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick. Four military sergeants and a corporal will be charged before the same court on the same day in connection with the missing petrol.

At a recent sitting of Limerick District Court a number of members of the Army, in addition to a number of civilians, were charged in connection with the disappearance of the petrol. By direction of the Attorney-General, informations were refused, and the defendants discharged, but the military defendants were rearrested on leaving court and brought before the Special Criminal Court, where the case against them is pending.

Red Armies Take Two More Towns

IMPORTANT RAIL LINK CUT

RUSSIAN forces are maintaining successfully at least four offensives, according to the latest Moscow dispatches. An Order of the Day, signed by Marshal Stalin, records the capture of Pavlovsk and Pushkin, on the Leningrad front, while the cutting of the Krasnogvard-Eisk railway to Narva, in Estonia, deprives the Germans of their only way of withdrawal to the west.

Berlin reports a new Soviet bridgehead in the Crimea, a new large-scale attack west of Kirovograd and another flare-up S.E. of Vitebsk.

In the past 24 hours the battle of Leningrad has entered a new and greater phase, says Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow. With the initial ground now cleared, four Russian forces are successfully developing a vast strategic plan, whose aim to destroy or to drive off Russian soil the whole of Von Kuechler's northern armies from Leningrad to Novgorod.

The northern offensive now has split into four distinct operations:—(1) The battle for the control of the Tosno-Narva railway—sole line of retreat to the west; (2) the liquidation of the tough salient between Krasnogvardeisk and Tosno at the eastern end of this line; (3) the battle for the 50-mile German-held stretch of the Leningrad-Moscow railway from Tosno to Chudovo, on the Volkhov; and (4) the outflanking drive from Novgorod, aimed at the big German base of Luga, on the Leningrad-Pskov-Vilna railway.

The little town of Pavlovsk, which the Russians captured yesterday, was famous in peace-time as Leningrad's most beautiful playground, but is important now because of its position, five miles within the Tosno-Narva railway—the sole railway to the west available to the Germans holding the big salient south of the city. Four miles north-west of Pavlovsk, and 17 miles south of Leningrad, the Russians have taken Pushkin, the former Tsaraskoye Selo, or Czarist residence.

This news of the rapid continued disintegration of the German's Leningrad front was given in an Order of the Day from Marshal Stalin, describing how the two towns and railway junction fell to a skilful enveloping movement allied with a daring frontal attack. Over forty other inhabited localities were captured.

The Soviet troops were yesterday morning only four miles from Chudovo, whose capture would remove the kingpin of the German defence along the Volkhov valley as far south as Novgorod.

NEW BRIDGEHEAD

The German commentator, Colonel von Hammer, stated last night that the Soviets succeeded on Sunday morning in forming a new bridgehead immediately north of Kerch in the Eastern Crimea by landing a new strong column. "Very hard and bitter fighting developed in the harbour area," he said.

Colonel von Hammer also reported a large-scale resumption of the Russian offensive on General Koniev's Dnieper Bend front near Kirovograd, as well as a flare-up south-east of Vitebsk.

Thaw has set in over most of the Russian front from the Crimea to Leningrad, German radio stated last night. "As a result it has become extraordinarily difficult to move heavy equipment, and the use of aircraft is severely curtailed. Snow has vanished on most sectors."—(Reuter.)

Threat to Japanese in New Guinea

A large pocket of Japanese is now almost cut off by Australian troops at the northern end of Shaggy Ridge, in the upper Faria River area of New Guinea, Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied Headquarters, South West Pacific, cabled yesterday.

The Australians, by a three-pronged drive, are developing a threat to the Japanese coastal stronghold of Bogadjim, at the foot of the mountains 40 miles south of Madang. In their latest advance, made in the face of strong opposition they scaled almost vertical rocks before they could clear the Japanese from their foxholes.

The air-raid on the Admiralty Islands, north-east of New Guinea, reported yesterday was the first made on this target by Mitchell medium bombers based on New Guinea. They left behind them a trail of wrecked shipping, blazing buildings and Japanese dead.

The main target was Lorengau, on Manus Island, important as a potential air and shipping base from which the Japanese could protect their supply line from Truk to Kavieng Rabaul and Wewak.

Another Raid on Sofia

The German News Agency stated this morning:—

"American bomber formations, escorted by fighters, at noon on Monday attempted again to attack Sofia.

"A.A. guns, as well as German and Bulgarian fighters, engaged the formations, and split them up before they reached the capital. In most cases the enemy 'planes were forced to jettison their bombs in open country.

"Only slight damage was caused in the city surroundings. A number of enemy 'planes were shot down."—(Reuter.)

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HALIFAX'S PRAISE FOR DOMINIONS

VISCOUNT HALIFAX, speaking in Toronto last night, said that, as an outsider, the British Commonwealth must surely appear as "almost inexplicable freak of nature." "We can imagine the bewilderment of an intelligent visitor from another planet on being confronted with its manifest contradictions," he said. He would naturally be puzzled to determine what possible interest the Polish corridor could have for a Canadian, or Danzig for an Australian, or the western frontier of Poland for a South African.

"The Dominions had not been parties to the treaty of guarantee to Poland, which was the immediate cause of Great Britain's action. They were themselves in no danger of direct attack. They had influenced, but had not been responsible for, the foreign policy of Great Britain. In fact, as well as in theory, they were entirely uncommitted. The best proof of this reality is that Eire pursued, and still pursues to-day, a policy of abstention and neutrality.

"Yet not only did the Dominions enter the war without hesitation; they showed at once that theirs was no formal acquiescence in a situation which, while disagreeable in the extreme, could by no means be avoided. They realised that Great Britain was the first line of their own defence. They immediately threw all that they had in men, money and material into the struggle. They held nothing back, and in the summer of 1940, when Britain faced the probability of invasion and the possibility of conquest, they were unflinching in their support.

"When the history of those fateful days is written, I do not doubt that the unshaken staunchness of the Commonwealth will be recognised as a decisive factor.

"If once again Britain was a bulwark for the cause of men, it was because when the storm broke she was so stoutly buttressed. Had Britain not been able to stand firm then, where to-day would be the United Nations, or where to-morrow the certainty of victory, or in the future the hope of security and peace?

"In the future, if Britain is to play her part, without assuming burdens greater than she can support, she must have with her in peace the same strength that has sustained her in this war. Not Great Britain only, but the British Commonwealth and Empire must be the fourth Power in that group, upon which, under Providence, the peace of the world will henceforth depend."—(Reuter.)

Will Not Recognise Bolivia

It was officially announced in Washington yesterday that the United States has refused recognition to the new Bolivian régime.

The American Ambassador to Bolivia is being asked to return home.—(Reuter.)

"PARISH PUMP PATRIOTS"

DESCRIBING as "stupid manifestations of ill-will" the reported refusal of Stockport Council to employ labour from Eire, the January issue of the *Traveller* states: "It is, to say the least of it, depressing that the stupidity of parish pump patriots, who have no understanding of the excellent market this country provides, no appreciation of the integrity of the Irish buyer, and last, but not least, no understanding of the difficulties which have been overcome by the commercial traveller to keep the wheels of industry turning (in Stockport, among other places), should, for want of goodwill, do so much to damage the potential market that will, after this war, be open to exploitation."

"Nobody," the journal adds, "attaches more value to goodwill than does the commercial traveller. Years of experience, integrity, patient effort and careful foresight, he knows, go to build up that non-transferable asset, which is often all that a lifetime has attained. For this reason he is the first to resent stupid manifestations of ill-will. He knows better than many statesmen, and than most politicians, that reciprocity is as essential to goodwill as oxygen is to life."

Northern Smugglers Heavily Fined

At Belfast Summons Court, yesterday, John Mills Parkhill, Belmont road, was fined £250, and Thomas E. Caldwell, Rugby road, £100, for dealing in 5 cwt. 21 lb. of rubber cap tyreing. Caldwell was fined £50 and Parkhill £15 for dealing in 30lb. of tea.

For the prosecution it was stated that defendants used the Transport Board to assist in the smuggling, the Board acting quite innocently. Parkhill sent horses in transport lorries to his father's farm near Newtownbutler. The farmhouse was in Northern Ireland, but the farm was in Eire. When the lorries arrived the drivers were given tea, the rubber and tea was unloaded, and the men were then told to take the horses back to Belfast.

An immediate warrant was issued in Parkhill's case, and Caldwell was given time to pay.

Dublin Laundry Workers to Ballot

A ballot vote of the 1,300 women workers in the sixteen Dublin and district laundries will be taken in the Mansion House to-night in regard to an offer of 2/6 per week made by the employers to certain categories of workers. The offer was made following a conference yesterday, under the auspices of the Dublin Trades Council.

The ballot decision was come to at a mass meeting of the women last night at the headquarters of the Irish Women Workers' Union.

The laundresses' original claim was for 4/6 extra per week, and the strike notices come into operation from to-morrow night, if a settlement is not reached meanwhile.

When Limerick Gas Output Fell

At yesterday's resumed inquiry into the administration of Limerick Gas Works, Edward Banks, works foreman, in reply to Mr. T. C. Courtney, Local Government Inspector, as to the results of his first use of a mixture of turf and coal in October, 1942, said that the make of gas and the calorific value was reduced. This was contrary to his statement in direct evidence, that the make increased. The witness having replied to a series of questions on technical matters and with regard to the mixtures he used in producing gas, the inquiry adjourned until this morning.

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Baldoyle 'Chase Horses Engaged at Naas

THE present period of inactivity finds Irish racegoers, the professionals especially, with time hanging rather heavily on them, and the chief and almost only topic at the moment is the Baldoyle £1,000 'Chase on February 12th. The first list of eliminations last week from this race did not do very much in the way of providing a guide regarding the intentions of owners and trainers; for, of the seven for which forfeit was declared, it cannot be said that they included one likely to develop into a fancied candidate.

Prince Regent is nominal favourite but no real attempt has been made so far to form an ante-post market on the race. This is surprising, in view of the amount of discussion that has taken place, and it is more than likely that some of the more enterprising layers will publish a list during the next few days.

Naas, on February 5th, will provide a welcome break in the present dull spell, and that it will be welcomed by owners is conclusively proved by the size of the entries.

Included in the Naas programme, which, all round, bears a very interesting appearance, are two handicap chases, in both of which several candidates for the valuable Baldoyle event can have a public outing.

The Celbridge 'Chase, to be run over virtually the same distance as the "thousand pounder," can bring out Golden Jack, Mountain Loch, Roman Hackle, Ruby Loch, Sir Son, Knight's Crest, Brown Cottage and Sun's Pride, all of which hold the Baldoyle liability.

Golden Jack, Sir Son and Brown Cottage are engaged also in the Rathcoole Handicap 'Chase (2m. 40yds.), in which Prince Blackthorn likewise figures. At the time of writing it is not known which, if any, of the Baldoyle contenders will be seen out at Naas; but it is probable that several will fulfil their engagements, though success in either of the two races would bring a 4lb. penalty in the Baldoyle 'Chase.

An interesting entrant for the Celbridge 'Chase is Mr. J. V. Rank's Slacker, who has not been seen in public since April, 1942, when he followed up his Fairyhouse win by carrying a hunting burden of 14st. to an eight lengths' victory in the La Touche Cup (4½m.) at Punchestown. A brilliant fencer, with a good turn of speed, Slacker, if back to his best form, should earn plenty of winning brackets this season.

CLOSING OF RACES

Owners and trainers are reminded that entries for six races to be run at Naas on March 4th close to-morrow with Mr. F. Harold Clarke, 9 Hume street, Dublin, with whom the March 'Chase of 350 sovs., to be run at the same meeting, also closes at second entry.

TABLE TENNIS

Following are the winners of last night's matches of the men's plate, Co. Dublin junior championships, played at the O'Connell Hall :—

1st Round—J. Kelly, S. Tobin, E. Manning, W. G. Leach, W. J. Wilmot, L. V. Nolan, J. Kennedy, R. Jones, S. Burch M. Reilly, G. Bryan, T. McGovern, S. McMahon, C. Stewart, J. McKenzie, F. Gallagher, M. Henry, C. Pasley, J. Doherty, D. Toal, G. S. Rowe, T. Short, A. Eazer, R. Willis, J. K. Lang, A. Black, J. Kennedy.

2nd Round—W. Lanigan, J. Kelly, S. Tobin, W. J. Wilmot, S. Burch, M. Reilly, T. McGovern, C. Stewart, F. Gallagher, M. Henry, D. Toal, G. S. Rowe, R. Willis, J. K. Lang, A. Black, J. Kennedy.

Semi-finals.—Toal beat Lang, 21-19, 21-14; Tobin beat McGovern, 21-15, 21-8.

To-night—6.30—Ladies' singles, plate and doubles; 8.0—Mixed doubles.

ST. MARGARET'S COURSING

DOG TRIAL STAKE (16)—Mr. T. Maloney's Chicago Red (Kelpar—Bagersfort Lass) beat Mr. J. Mangan's Carne Chief (Doe Chime—Allenstown Lady).

BITCH TRIAL STAKE (16)—Miss A. Barry's Daring Rambler (Man o' Man—Baytown Rambler) beat Mr. W. Keenan's My Little Daisy (Luck Laddie—Closgowney Girl).

WELDON CUP (8 all-ages)—Divided between Mr. H. Lawler's Fineland (Bright-eyed Cutie—Fair Dawn) and Messrs. Leahy and Barrett's Jackie Jack (Ocean Blend—Maiden's Rock).

DELTON CUP (6 all ages)—Mr. M. Weldon's Border Legion (Creamery Border —Noreside Ruby) declared the winner, Robert v. Printer drawn.

COLLINSTOWN STAKE (16 puppies)—Mr. B. Kelly's Kelville King (Slanemore Rover—Future Starlight) beat Mr. P. Slattery's Border Jenny (Ruby Border—Aunt Jenny).

BOOT STAKE (8 two-courses)—Divided between Mr. P. Ryan's One Club (Rhyle Aroon—Ruby Glen) and Mr. A. F. Calinan's Jack Milton (Dark Invader—Karra Katie).

BARBERSTOWN STAKE (16 one-course)—Mr. E. Kenny's Songtime (Slanemore Rover—Mai Meadow) beat Mrs. B. Murphy's Like Inler (Inler Iris—Feather Wave).

THE OSSORY CUP

The draw for the Ossory Cup, to be decided at the Sevenhouses meeting to-morrow and Thursday, is :—

War Weapon v. Brilliant Smile; Battle Blitz v. Just Bound; Pilot's Boy v. Shining Bright; Question v. Moonlight Sea; Mystery Maid v. Goose for a Goal; Garrycastle v. Fall and Ponder; Eileens Wonder v. Sean's Invader; Myrabella v. Wizard Earl; His Home v. Wealthy; Marching Bright v. Tullawain Heather; Dutch Cutlet v. Floating Nobleman; Bad Intentions v. Fawn Invader; Daring Rally v. Portarthur Hero; Dr. Tibbles v. Dark Paladdin; Jubilant Tulip v. Gleneden Soldier; Dark Intruder v. Clanwilliam Kiwi.

Irish Rugby XV. Starts To Take Shape

By Our Rugby Football Correspondent.

THE Irish Rugby Selectors now probably have gleaned nearly all the information they require to enable them to select the Irish XV. to oppose the British XV. at Ravenhill on February 12th. However, their meeting will not take place until after the Ulster-Leinster game at Ravenhill next Saturday, a fact which should give the interprovincial match additional keenness. In the previous game between these two provinces, Leinster won 6-nil at Lansdowne road in November, but Ulster really gained more distinction from the play, for, on paper, they were not reckoned to have much chance of giving Leinster a hard match, yet they did most of the attacking.

H. Green.

While introducing only one man new to representative football, M. P. Aherne, the Monkstown front-row forward, the Leinster Selectors originally made nine changes from the team beaten by Munster at Lansdowne road. Those retained are Con Murphy at full-back, the two centres, G. Quinn and J. Aherne, and J. Belton, D. Hingerty and K. O'Brien in the pack. Neither Moran nor K. O'Flanagan was available for the Munster match, and they replace M. O'Flanagan and Burke on the wings; the Old Belvedere combination of F. Quinn and D. Thorpe was chosen at half-back, instead of T. Coveney and H. de Lacy, the latter of whom has gone to England. However, F. Quinn is unable to turn out, so Coveney comes back at out-half.

CHANGE IN LEINSTER XV.

F. Quinn (Old Belvedere) is unable to play for Leinster against Ulster at Ravenhill next Saturday, and he will be replaced at out-half by T. Coveney (St. Mary's).

Ulster alterations have been equally sweeping. They also have retained their full-back A. O'Connor, but Higson is the only three-quarter to keep his place, McIlroy, Harrison and Piggot replacing McIlpatrick, Saulters and Monteith. Adrain is preferred to McComb at scrum-half, and Dudgeon and Wilkin appear in the pack instead of Thompson and Barnes. Thompson is on the injured list at present, and Barnes had to leave the field last Saturday.

PROBLEMS TO SOLVE

While a number of players can be regarded as certainties—barring injury—for the big match on February 12th, the Irish Five still have some problems to solve. The early injury to K. O'Flanagan on Saturday has left them in the dark as to the U.C.D. wing's current form, and, on his play in the representative matches, N. Burke must be well in the running for the post.

As Greer has been chosen at out half for next Saturday he must be regarded as likely to come under consideration either here or in the centre. I fancy that there will be a good deal of disappointment if T. Moroney does not get the chance he deserves at out-half, whereas Greer seems to be happier in the centre, where his excellent tackling is likely to be of more genera. value. It is dangerous to attempt a forecast at this stage, but the most likely back division to oppose the British XV. seems to be Con Murphy; Moran, G. Quinn, Greer, K. O'Flanagan or Burke; Moroney, Adrain. However, J. Aherne can give the selectors cause for deep thought if he plays as well next Saturday as he did against Munster in December.

The forwards probably will include the majority of the Rest pack last Saturday. Apart from K. O'Brien, F. Cromey, Sweeney, and Nelson, there are Jim Joyce and O'Loughlin to be considered; the fact that neither was available on Saturday should not lessen their chances, provided they are fit, for both were outstanding in the interprovincials against Leinster. I feel that this season we ought to have enough material to reverse the two prerious narrow defeats at the hands of the visitors.

Old Wesley R.F.C. annual dinner will be held in the Dolphin Hotel on Saturday next. Members wishing to attend should inform the hon. secretary immediately.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

To-morrow—Naas, Curragh 1.0 p.m.; South Westmeath, Mount Temple, 12 noon; Strabane, Galbony Gate, 1.0 p.m.; Mid Antrim, Ross Bridge, 12.30 p.m.; Bray, Delgany, 11.30 a.m.; North Kilkenny, Tullaroan, 11.30 a.m. (old time); Duhallow, Convamore, 11.0 a.m.; Meath, meet cancelled.

Bowling League of Ireland—Annual general meeting to-morrow at 63 Dawson street, at 7 p.m.

MR. H. M. HARTIGAN'S STABLE

By Our Curragh Correspondent.

LAST year Mr. H. M. Hartigan won nineteen races with a dozen horses, and one of his principal patrons, Mr. J. McLean, was pretty high up on the list of winning owners. Two of his winners, Proditx and Slightly Slow, continue in training at Mountjoy Lodge. A few days ago the Aga Khan sent the Hyperion horse Hyderabad, and the four-year-old, though he cost 8,200 guineas as a yearling, is still a maiden. Another newcomer is Mrs. George Lambton's Buxton had fine form in England.

Mr. Hartigan will supply a few worthy candidates for the year's classic races. Mr. McLean's Upper Set and First Telegram, two of the best of last season's two-year-olds, will be fighting factors. Both have done well, and the former looks as if he had grown a bit. Mrs. Williams's Gold River is in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, and Mrs. McEnery's good-looking filly, Coup de Grace, is in the 1,000 Guineas, while Mr. P. Burrell's Annetta and Joyce, and the Aga Khan's Davari are in the complete series.

All the two-year-olds in the stable are promising, and it will be strange if, once again, some of them do not take high rank among their contemporaries. The horses in training at Mountjoy Lodge are :—

AGA KHAN'S

Hyderabad, bl. h., 4 yrs., by Hyperion —Castle Gay.

Davari, b. f., 3 yrs., by Dastur—Begum.

Carrigia, b. f., 2 yrs., by Felicitation —Tartanette.

Ascona, b. f., 2 yrs., by Bosworth—Bonza.

Poza, br. f., 2 yrs., by Stardust—Queen of Shiraz.

Livia, b. f., 2 yrs., by Umidwar—Via Media.

Umidkhan, b. c., 2 yrs., by Umidwar —Hors d'Œuvres.

MR. J. McLEAN'S

Poolfix, b. g., 6 yrs., by Link Boy—Lady of Grace.

Slightly Slow, b. g., 6 yrs., by Wychwood Abbot—Telegraphic Address.

Upper Set, ch. c., 3 yrs., by Gold Bridge—High Prestige.

First Telegram, ch. f., 3 yrs., by Farrokh Siyar—Telegraphic Address.

Georgie Lashwood, b. f., 2 yrs., by Windsor Lad—Wedding March.

Walter Munroe, b. g., 2 yrs., by Edgehill—Mouzelle.

Telegrammes (Gratuit, b. g., 2 yrs., by Edgehill—Telegrams Free.

Nellie Farrell, ch. f., 2 yrs., by Stardust—Prada.

Pat Feeney, gr. g., 2 yrs., by Coup de Lyon—Dunlin.

Michael Nolan, b. g., 2 yrs., by Edgehill—Bellabouston.

MR. E. BELLANY'S

Silence, b. f., 2 yrs., by Bosworth—Surbine.

Marita, b. f., 2 yrs., by Dastur—Caerlissa.

MR. PETER BURRELL'S

Annetta, ch. f., 3 yrs., by Fairway—Caretta.

Joyce, gr. f., 3 yrs., by Mr. Jinks—Embarras de Richesse.

Skipness, b. f., 2 yrs., by Farrokh Siyar—Calgary.

LT.-COL. G. LODER'S

Sun Arab, br. c., 4 yrs., by Solario—Arabella.

Seraglio, b. f., 2 yrs., by Turkhan—Overture.

Affair, ch. f., 2 yrs., by Fair Trial—Araminta.

MRS. E. WILLIAMS'S

Gold River, b. f., 3 yrs., by Gold Bridge—Miver Arak.

MRS. McENERY'S

Coup de Grace, ch. f., 3 yrs., by Coup de Lyon—Chloris.

MRS. GEORGE LAMBTON'S

Buxton, bl. c., 2, by Limelight—High Light.

CAPTAIN WHITELAW'S

Coriall's, br. g., 5 yrs., by Colorado Kid —Fieldfare.

Mrs. M. V. Daly's Brick Bat, b. g., 5 yrs., by Rolling Rock—Flying Rose by Aeroplane.

Jockey—Joseph Canty. Apprentices—B. Duffy, L. Curran.

KILDARE HOUNDS

Saturday last was a good scenting day Finding in Straffan demesne, hounds ran hard by the Glebe, Barberstown and Ardrass, through Killadoon, and over the River Liffey to Reeves, where they lost. Unfortunately, the field got left at the start of this hunt and were a long way behind hounds. Craigue-Ballagh and Loughtown Wood were blank, but from Colthurst's covert a fox broke, with the pack on his brush, and raced over the Ladychapel road, left-handed, past Colthurst cross-roads, through Loughtown Wood and Hodgestown over the Rathcoffey-Staplestown road, and left-handed up to the Clane road, where he got into a wet shore, after a fast gallop of 25 minutes. Pushed out of the shore, hounds ran him, with only a few followers, back over much the same line to Loughtown Wood, and lost a couple of fields beyond, where he probably got to ground.

RAPID SCORING AT BILLIARDS

At the Burroughs and Watts Hall, Mary street, last night, a first round match of both billiards and snooker, for the Irish Amateur Championship, was played. T. M. Taylor beat H. Dagger in the snooker championship by 83-9, 34-61, 41-27, 67-43.

H. T. Bates, in beating P. Joyce 500-161 in the billiards match, equalled the record held by J. Aird in scoring 500 in 70 minutes.

Irish Amateur Fencing Federation.—Annual general meeting at the Grosvenor Hotel, Westland row, on Thursday next, at 8 p.m.

OTHER NEUTRALS II.—Switzerland

TO be a neutral while huge neighbouring States grapple with one another a few score miles from the border is very nearly a normal condition of life in Switzerland. Accordingly her people make the adjustments necessary for this state of affairs with much less jarring and grinding of the political and economic machine than is the case in countries likes ours, which are less deeply experienced in the techniques of neutrality. The Swiss, according to one of themselves, realise that, in times of war, survival as a neutral independent nation is only possible by a disciplined co-operative effort, and by sacrifice of many of the ordinary amenities of life.

The scale of their neutrality effort may be judged from the following examples: Last year's budget for defence alone was £87 millions (ours was £9 millions). There were two weeks last year in July when the meat ration was completely stopped. For the rest of the year it varied from about 4 oz. to 16 oz. per week, and in the latter part of the year Monday, Wednesday and Friday were meatless days. The bread ration for most of last year was 8 oz. per week, with extra allowances for workers. The ration of milk was two-thirds of a pint for adults and 1½ pints for children—this in one of the most famous milk producing countries in the world.

In addition to the existing purchase tax there have been new taxes of 5 per cent. to 10 per cent. imposed from the end of 1942 on a wide range of luxury goods, including wireless sets, cameras, perfumes, cosmetics, furs, carpets, jewellery, watches, and champagne.

LABOUR

As in the case of Sweden, but unlike our own case, there has been little unemployment in Switzerland. The numbers engaged in industry at the end of last year, according to League of Nations statistics, were slightly greater than they were before the war, and this, with the great increase in the army and in the numbers engaged in defence works, has brought about a shortage of labour. Many raw materials, of course, have been scarce; in particular, cement and other materials for the building industry, wool, cotton, and flax for the clothing industries, and employment has fallen in these very important industrial groups. On the other hand, production has increased in the food processing industries, in the metal, machine, leather, and paper industries. In some cases this increase has been possible through the re-opening of disused mines, the exploitation of turf deposits, or the importation of raw materials from overseas in the newly-created Swiss merchant navy, numbering about 20 (?) ocean-going ships, or by a combination of several of these factors.

In the agricultural problem there have been many things similar to our own problems, and one very notable difference. At the beginning of the war the Government already had a plan for agriculture known as the Wahlen plan, providing for a situation in which Switzerland would be cut off from the greater part of her foreign food supplies.

So that at the outbreak of the war the Swiss Minister for Agriculture had just to reach into the proper pigeon-hole for the Wahlen Plan, more or less in the way that Ministers in belligerent countries would reach for a particular invasion or counter-invasion plan, and then set the plan in operation. In accordance with this plan great areas of Switzerland's famous pastures were turned over to tillage.

The compulsory tillage area for 1940 was about 500,000 acres, for the following year 700,000 acres, for the next year 750,000 acres, while last year the tillage drive aimed at securing an additional 250,000 acres. This extra tillage has caused an acute scarcity of farm labour, eased somewhat by the policy of the military authorities in releasing men for the seasons when the demand for labour is greatest, and by exacting compulsory labour service on the farms for boys and girls of ages from 16 to 20. It may be added that this extra tillage programme was accompanied by a steady rise in agricultural product prices amounting to an increase of 60 per cent. by the end of 1942.

COST OF LIVING

The increased cost of producing food, of bringing many raw materials from overseas or producing more expensive substitutes at home has, as in our own case, sharply increased the cost of living. The Swiss counter-measures, however, seem to have been prompter and on a wider scale than our own. A decree of September 2nd, 1939, forbade the increase of prices of merchandise, rents, hotel charges, schools, hospitals, gas and electricity charges without the sanction of the prices control authority. It was also decreed that old stocks should be sold on the basis of the prices at which they had been bought.

In spite of all these measures, the cost of living index figure increased steadily (though at a considerably slower rate than ours), and there was, naturally a demand for increases in wages. This matter was placed under the care of a Salaries Commission, which has published several detailed reports on these problems. The general principle adopted has been that increases should be in the form of bonuses rather than changes of the wage level, and that, in order to avoid the spiral in which increasing bonuses chase after increasing costs of living, the bonuses should be smaller in comparison to basic wages than the increases in the cost of living figure. An examination at the end of 1942 of the position of workers numbering 180,000 employed in 2,600 firms, showed that their wage increases had been 23 per cent., while the cost of living increase had been 42 per cent. In this the Swiss have been able to do better for their workers than ourselves, where bonuses of 5s. and 10s. have been given to compensate for a 70 per cent. rise in the cost of living.

The Swiss regard unemployment as the No. 1 post-war problem, and to deal with it they have an official plan, called after its author, the Zipfel Plan. It is a comprehensive plan, estimated to cost nearly £300,000,000, to be spent in co-operation with the cantonal authorities (in the way that certain of our unemployment grants were made in co-operation with county and borough councils) and in co-operation also with municipalities, public utility companies and private enterprise. The following are some examples of how the £300,000,000 has been allocated :—Making or improving 1,000 miles of trunk roads, £30,000,000; railway electrification, new rolling-stock, new stations, doubling permanent way, £43,000,000; hydro-electric development, £28,000,000; air-ports and civil aviation, £8,000,000; subsidies for local road schemes, canals, flood-prevention schemes, gymnasiums, hospitals, etc., to be built by the cantonal authorities, £52,000,000.

This Zipfel plan is flexible in that it provides that most of these enterprises be carried out in stages, according to their urgency, and that the full programme will only come into effect if, and when, private enterprise fails to provide employment for the people. What has been said is a very inadequate summary of the Zipfel Plan, which stresses the importance of the export trade as much as the importance of large-scale employment schemes on public works, and has a very important section dealing with ways for improving agriculture and helping the farming population, especially in the poor districts. But even this summary should make it plain that the Swiss are organising for peace in the same thorough way as they organise to maintain neutrality in the course of a world war.

Hundorat Stampfli, President of the Swiss Confederation. He was one of Switzerland's leading industrialists and holds the portfolio for Commerce and Industry in addition to the Presidency.

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RADOX IN THE PINK PACKET

Rails and Industrials in Ascendant

THERE was a good accumulation of week-end orders on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday, and public interest was mainly confined to Irish securities where renewed buying, in most departments, made for cheerful conditions generally.

Chief attention was paid to Rails, and, with most issues in keen demand, prices again moved upwards. Industrials continued in favour, and a few strong features developed.

There was a large turnover in Great Northern Ord., and after active dealings the stock closed 12s. 6d. higher at 26½. The Guaranteed advanced over a point to 63¾, but the Deb. drooped to 83¼.

Great Southern issues were in keen demand. The Ord. rose in a small way to 46, and the Pref. jumped 1¾ points to 47¾. The Guaranteed closed fractionally higher at 71¼ and the Deb. held 88¾.

DRAPERIES JUMP

Dublin Transport Ord. shaded off to 25/1¼. Alliance Gas Ord. showed no change, but McBirney issues, on fresh buying, displayed renewed strength. The Ord. and Pref. both spurted 1/- to 8/6 and 20/- respectively.

Home Government Funds made a busy showing. Second National Loan dropped to 114¾, and 4 p.c. Conversion Loan advanced to 111¼.

Banks were easier for choice. Nationals dipped to 47/-, Royals to 12¾, and Provincial Old 47/- but the Provincial New gained several pence at 48/9.

There was good buying of Guinness Units up to 126/6. Brooks, Thomas Ord. rose to 58/3, E. J. Burke Ord. to 5/6, and Ord. to 3/7½.

Hely Ord. spurted 7/7½ to 60/-, and Harrington Pref. advanced sharply to 28/- x.d. Irish Aluminium Pref. firmed up to 20/-. Irish Times 1st Pref. to 84/6, and H. Williams Ord. to 98/6. McEnnery Pref. jumped 2/6 to 23/6, but Sunbeam Wolsey Ord. eased to 56/9.

British Industrials presented a quiet appearance, and the tendency was easier.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

(*) Odd lot. (a) Asked. (b) Bid. (Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS. — 5 p.c. Second Nat. Loan (113¼), 114¾; 4½ p.c. Third Loan (112⅞), 113½; 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (105⅛), 105⅝; do. (under £200) (105¼), 105¼; 4 p.c. Conversion Loan (111), 111⅛; 3¾ p.c. Financial Agreement (Deed) (110⅜), 110⅝; 4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds (under £200), 110¾; 3¼ p.c. National Security (106), 106; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (under £200) (118½), 118⅝; 3½ p.c. Land Bonds (under £200) (107), 107⅛; 3½ p.c. War Loan (103¾), 103⅞; 4 p.c. Funding Loan (113¼), *113.

CORPORATION STOCKS.—Dublin 3½ p.c. 1955/80 (102⅜), *102¾.

BANKS.—Bank of Ireland (340¾), 340¾; National (47/3), 47/-; Provincial Old (47/6), 47/-; do. New (48/-), *48/9; Royal (12¾), 12⅝.

BREWERIES.—Guinness Ord. (125/9), 126/6; 6/6; Power Deb. (32/10½), 32/10½.

SHIPPING.—Grand Canal Ord. (100/-), *100/-.

RAILS, ETC.—G. Northern Ord. (26¼), 26½; ¼, ¼, ¼, ¾, ⅝; do. Pref. (45), 45; do. Gtd. (62½), *63⅜; do. Deb. (84), 83¾; do. Southern Ord. (45¾), 46, *45¾; do. Pref. (46), 46¼; 7, 7⅛, 7¼; do. Gtd. (70¾), 71, 1, 1¼, 1¼; do. Deb. (89¾), 89¾, ¾, ⅝, ¾; Dublin Transport Ord., 25/3; 25/3, 5/1½; do. Pref. (33/1½), 25/1½.

IRISH INDUSTRIALS.—Alliance Gas Ord. (22/6), 22/6; do. Deb. (101½), 101½; Brooks, Thomas Ord. (58/-), 58/5; Burke (E. and J.) Ord. (5/-), *5/6; do. Def. (5/6), 3/7½; Cement Ord. (44/-), *44/-; Harrington Pref. (26/1), 28/-; Hely's Ord. (58/4½), 60/-; Irish Aluminium Oil Pref. (30/-), 30/-; Irish Aluminium Pref. (19/7), 20/-; Irish Sugar Pref. (28/9), 28/9; Irish Times 1st Pref. (84/-), *84/6; Leithems (Ireland) Ord. (55/-), *55/-; McEnery Pref. (20/-), *22/6; McBirney Ord. (7/6), 8/6; do. Pref. (19/-), 20/-; Parkes (J. C.) Deb. (94½), *24/1½; Sunbeam Wolsey Ord. (57/-), 56/6, 6/9; Williams (H.) Ord. (95/-), *95/6; Woodington (J. H.) Ord. (4/6), 4/6.

BRITISH INDUSTRIALS. — B.A.T. 109/9; Bleachers (11/-), 10/9; Courtaulds 53/1½; Fine Spinners (22/4½), *22/6; Imperial Tobacco (159/9), 159/9; Lever 7 p.c. Pref. (34/1½), 34/-; Thomas (R.) Pref. 30/9¾.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Monday.—Demand for Rails continued, but buyers were still sceptical regarding the leaders of other departments. After an active opening, Carrier issues dipped slightly on profit-taking, and at midday the trend was mixed.

The turnover of 690,000 shares comprised 855 issues, of which 301 advanced, 317 declined, and 237 remained unchanged.—(Reuter.)

FOOD MARKETS

LIMERICK CATTLE MARKET (Saturday, January 22nd).—Best cows and heifers £25 to £33 5/-. Stores in large supply, but trade not as firm as last week; two-year-old bullocks and heifers £15 10/ to £19, one and a half-year-old bullocks £13 7/6 to £14 10/-, one and a half-year-old heifers £13 10/- to £17, weaning best heifers £10 10/- to £12, best bullocks £8 15/- to £10 5/-.

DUBLIN FISH.—Only 8 packages salmon on offer at 5/6 to 5/8 per lb., and 10 lobsters at 40/-.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Market firm at: Spry's Abundance, Dates and Kerr's Pinks 10/-, and Banners 9/- per cwt., ex store.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Light offerings cleared early at: Savoy cabbage, large 25/-, small 10/- to 15/- load, and swedes 2/- to 2/6 per cwt.

GRIMSBY FISH.—Haddocks, sprags, codling, whitings and ling 6/5 (heads on) 7/- (heads and plaice 15/6, halibut and turbot 21/6, coalfish (headless) 8/1, cod (headless) 8/7 per stone.

OTHER EXCHANGES

MANCHESTER.—Cotton Bleachers, 10/6; Dyers, 11/10½; "Sirbhen," Cellog, 16/7½; Costs, 47/-; Courtaulds, 52/6; Danlop, 40/-; Cottons, 20/3; Velvet, 11/3; Spinners, 22/10½; Henry, 19/6; Turner and Newall, 78/5; Wall Paper Defd., 38/6.

BIRMINGHAM.—Rovers and Singers stronger, and Meadows rose to 17/9 and Tubes to 95/3. Alvis 5/10½, Austin "A" 27/-, Dennis 25/-, Dunlop 40/1½, Enfield 28/6, Ford 39/-, Guy 9/7½, Hamber 31/-, Lea Francis 3/10½, Lyconland 78/-, Lucas 77/6, Morris 41/-, etc. Raleigh 76/9, Rolls Royce 103/9, Rover 99/6, Singer 6/-, Standard 36/10½, Triplex 54/9.

INDUSTRIALS.

Austin (5/-)	27/8	+0/1½
Assoc. Cement	64/6	
Babcock & W.	50/6	+0/3
Brown (J.)	26¼	
B.S.A.	22/9	
Bleachers	10/9	
Brad. Dyers	22/0	
Brit. Trac.	25¾	+⅛
Brit. Oxygen	27/6	+0/6
Brit. Metal	20/-	
B.A. Tobacco	110/0	
Beechams Def.	17/6	
Boots Drug	42/0	
Brit. Alum.	24/0	+0/9
Brit. Oxygen	80/6	
Brit. Piper. Bd.	29/1½	+0/1½
Br. E. Cement	22/6	
Bass	166/6	
Brit. Insulated	103/9	
Cons. Glove	15/0	
Cab. & W. Ord.	78/9	
Calico Print.	16/6	
Coats	47/1½	
Corp. Wm.	24/-	−0/6
Can Line	5	
Cunard	23/3	
Courtaulds	53/10½	
Carreras B.	177½	+0/9
De La Rue	77/6	−1/3
Dorman L.	29/6	
Dunlop	40/1½	
Distillers	88/6	
Elec. & Mus.	27/7½	
English Sewing	21/9	
Ever Ready	39/0	
Ford	34/7½	
Gen. Biscuit	29/-	
Gallaher	23/6	+⅛
Guinness	126/6	+0/6
Gen. Elec.	20/9	
Harrods	25/0	+0/6
Hudson's Bay	4/6	−1/0
Hawker Sid.	18/3	+0/1½
Harland & W.	70/-	+0/6
Imp. Tobacco	77½	−1/3
Imp. Chemical	39/3	
Int. Nickel	37/-	
Lever	39/9	+0/3
Lyons (J.)	77/6	
London Brick	41/3	
Morris	41/3	
Metal Box	100/0	
Marks & Sp.	39/9	+0/3
Murex	24/0	
P. & O. Def.	24½	
Raleigh	77/0	+0/9
Rolls Royce	103/9	
Rover	99/6	

BRITISH FUNDS.

Consols 2½	79½	−⅛
Do. 4%	109½	
2½% War Loan	103⅝	
5% War Loan	101⅝	
Funding Loan	113⅛	
Victory Bonds	111⅛	
3% Conversion	102¼	
2½% Conversion	104⅜	
2½% Redemption	101⅝	
2½% Local Loans	90¾	
L.T.B. 4½% Land Bonds	115½	
Local Loans	94½	−⅛
Nat. Def. 2½%	101	

INDUSTRIALS (Contd.)

Stewart & L.	84/0	+0/3
Indian Plants	44/6	+0/9
Thomas (R.)	9/9	
Tob Secs.	75/0	
Tate & Lyle	67/6	
Triplex	54/9	−0/3
Tube Invest.	80/0	
Turner & N.	78/4½	+0/3
United Steel	24/7½	−0/1½
Unilever	39/6	
Utd Molasses	32/6	+0/3
Vickers	17/4½	
Wall Paper Dfd.	38/6	
Watney Com.	73/9	
Watney Def.	78/9	
Woolworth	56/6	+0/3

MINES.

Ang. Am Inv.	50/0	
Ang. Am.	50/0	
Bibiani	37/9	
Biyroor	78/9	−1/3
Brakpan	23/9	+0/7½
Charlbeyn	30/0	
Cons. Diam.	236/9	
Cons Air Sal.	21/3	+0/3
Cons. G.F.	23/9	+1/3
Crown	8	
Daggafontein	43/6	
De Beers	71¾	
Durban Deep	70/3	
East Daggs.	44/9	
East Rand	23/-	
E. Rand Prop.	19/9	−1/0
Geduld	7½	
Govt. Areas	39/4½	
Harry Cons.	16/10½	+0/7½
Johannes	49/-	
Jibanco	18/9	
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5th ROMANTIC WEEK.
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THEATRE DE LUXE TO-DAY AND ALL THE WEEK. Sonja Henie, "IN WINTERTIME." 4.10, 6.34, 9.4. Bill Elliott, "DEVIL'S PRICE." 3 o'c, 5.33, 7.57.

CORINTHIAN At 2.33, 4.53, 7.13, 9.33. Ricardo Cortez and Jean Parker: "MAN WITHOUT A CONSCIENCE." Buck Jones and Mona Barrie: "DAWN ON THE GREAT DIVIDE."

ASTORIA Dun Laoghaire. At 4.25, 6.45, 9.10. JOE E. BROWN, JUDY CANOVA, in "CHATTERBOX," or Lew Ayres in "LADY BE CAREFUL!"

GRAND CENTRAL 2.33, 4.43, 6.53, 9.3. Ann Sheridan, "WINTER CARNIVAL," Richard Carlson. Matinee Prices to 5 p.m.

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CHORAL and ORCHESTRAL CONCERT. CHARLES LYNCH, Pianoforte
Programme includes: Symphony No. 7 in A Major (Beethoven). Prices: 4/-, 3/-, 2/-, 1/-. Book Now. Booking at Theatre, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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ASTOR CINEMA. To-day at 2.20, 4.30, 6.45, 9.5. SIDNEY HOWARD in J. B. Priestley's "WHEN WE ARE MARRIED."
The Hilarious Comedy of Three Married Couples—or are they?? EXTRA!! Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, "THE GAY PARISIAN," Featuring Leonide Massine, Mladova and Krassovska.

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ADELPHI At 2.26, 4.33, 6.40 and 8.47. "NEW MOON," with JEANNETTE MacDONALD, NELSON EDDY

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F. C. WALLACE, Secretary.
Amiens Street Station, Dublin. 24th January, 1944.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

EMERGENCY POWERS (PERAMBULATORS) (MAXIMUM PRICES) ORDER, 1944.

It has come to the notice of the Minister for Supplies that excessive prices have been charged for perambulators. The Minister has accordingly made an Order, entitled as above, controlling the maximum prices to be charged for (1) new and reconditioned perambulators and (2) used perambulators.

The following is a summary of the provisions of the Order, which takes effect as from the appointed day, 7th February, 1944:—

NEW AND RECONDITIONED PERAMBULATORS.

(1) On and after the appointed day perambulators must be sold retail at either
Specified Retail Prices, or
Marginal Retail Prices.
Specified retail prices will apply to all perambulators which are manufactured or reconditioned in the State and which are sold by the manufacturer on or after the appointed day. The specified retail prices will be the manufacturer's selling prices increased by fifty per cent.
Marginal retail prices will apply to all perambulators held in stock by a person other than a manufacturer on the appointed day. The marginal retail prices will be the cost of the perambulator to the retailer increased by fifty per cent.

(2) On or after the appointed day every manufacturer must assign a serial number to every perambulator sold by him, and must keep a register indicating in respect of each perambulator the serial number assigned thereto and the specified retail price.

(3) No manufacturer or retailer may sell a perambulator on or after the appointed day unless
(a) there is marked on it a serial number and
(b) there is affixed to it a ticket or label on which the specified retail price is marked.

(4) The removal or alteration of the serial number or specified retail price marked by a manufacturer on a perambulator or on the ticket or label affixed thereto is prohibited.

(5) For the purposes of this Order a "manufacturer" includes a person who reconditions a perambulator, and a "perambulator" includes a pramette, but does not include a folding perambulator or a go-car.

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The maximum prices which may be charged are as follows:—

Description of Used Perambulator.	Maximum Price.
Coil Sprung	£4
Cee-Sprung, wheels (excluding tyres) not exceeding twelve inches in diameter	£10
Cee-Sprung wheels (excluding tyres) exceeding twelve inches in diameter	£15

Copies of the Order will be on sale shortly.

JOHN LEYDON, Secretary.
Department of Supplies, Dublin. 24th January, 1944. W.H.Co.
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LOCAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION.
POSITION VACANT:
PHYSICIAN TO THE COUNTY HOSPITAL, KILKENNY.
Application Forms for and particulars of the above-named post may be obtained from the Secretary of the Commission, 45 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin. SALARY SCALE—£400—£20—£500 a year. MINIMUM AGE LIMIT—30 years on 1st February, 1944. LATEST TIME FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS, 5.15 p.m. ON 15th FEBRUARY, 1944.
W.H.Co. 6/9/60

The Irish Times

TUESDAY, JAN. 25, 1944.

Leningrad

The military resources of the Russians appear to be without limit. At the present moment they are maintaining full-scale offensives along virtually the entire basin of the Dnieper; yet within the past week they have found men and material for yet another offensive. Their object in this case is the dislodgment of the German divisions which have been investing Leningrad for more than three years. Although the capture of Shlusselberg last winter "raised" the siege of Leningrad, to all intents and purposes, the city's plight has been hard, inasmuch as the Germans have commanded all the railways leading to it; but it is only now that a really serious attempt has been made to avert the danger. Numerous towns have fallen during the past few days before a series of powerful southwardly thrusts: Krasnoye Selo, Ropsha, Peterhof and Mga were claimed before the week-end; the capture of Pushkin—better known to students of Russian literature as Tsarkoye Selo—and Pavlovsk is announced this morning; Novgorod fell before an army advancing from the east some days ago. As we write, Tosno and Chudovo, on the most easterly of the three railways which lead southwards from Leningrad, are reported to be in imminent peril, while a twofold thrust from the north and from Novgorod is aimed at General von Kueohler's base at Luga. The German commentators do not try to conceal their appreciation of the gravity of this latest development; the Russian *communiqués* are confident in the extreme, and the whole evidence is that the region north of Lake Ilmen will be cleared within a very short time.

Meanwhile, at the extreme south of the huge Eastern front, Russian troops have established a bridgehead in the Crimea, close to the town of Kerch. The net result of these varied movements is that battles must be raging along virtually every mile of the front, from the Baltic to the Black Sea. It is true that there have been no spectacular advances by the Russian armies in the central sectors for some little time past—no advances, that is to say, which would compare with the tremendous drives that carried them deep into Poland, and threatened the German divisions in the Dnieper Bend with extinction—but the pressure, by all accounts, is relentless. Unlike a less populous nation, Russia seems to be able to concentrate an abundance of men and metal at any and every point at the same time: she is under no necessity to weaken her thrust in one sector, in order to make a new drive in another. To what extent her generals are assisted by the German expectation of a "second front" on the western coasts of Europe it is impossible to say. Whatever the real plans of the Anglo-American Allies may be, they are conducting the "war of nerves" with no little skill. There can be small doubt that very many German divisions which might make a world of difference to the situation on the eastern front are immobilised elsewhere, in order to deal with the constant menace from the west. Germany is not in a position to take chances. Last Saturday's landings in the neighbourhood of Rome revealed that even the most vigilant defence can be taken unawares.

Planned Education

The President of the British Board of Education, Mr. R. A. Butler, has taken his new Education Bill through the House of Commons for the second time. This bill is one whose importance is underestimated by nobody—neither by the great majority that welcomes it nor by the minority which is opposed to it. In essence, it is a measure designed to bring the education of the State into a single, connected system. Every part is to work towards the same end, the production of a race of good citizens; and yet, in every part, there is to be scope for individual initiative, within the broad outlines of the State system. The bill demands that all school buildings shall be of a suitable standard; it provides for the wide extension of the school medical service and of the scheme for the free supply of meals and milk. Secondary education for every child is made possible, without fees. Of course, the whole bill is based upon compromise. Indeed, Mr. Butler said: "Perhaps, this bill owes its welcome to an appreciation of the synthesis which it tries to create between order and liberty, between local initiative and national direction, between the voluntary agency and the State, between the private life of a school and the public life of a district, between manual and intellectual skill, and between those better and those less well endowed." Compromise, then, is of its very essence; and, perhaps, as with other great reforming laws, that will be its strength. Naturally, however, this attempt at a "synthesis" has brought opposition, as well as welcome. The most difficult problem in England is presented by "dual control"—the existing system under which control of schooling is divided between the State and religious authorities. Mr. Butler feels that, when a denominational school retains a high measure of administrative independence, he is not justified in giving it as much State money as he would invest in a State-controlled school. Catholics, in particular, believe that this distinction is unjust to them, and protest against it vigorously. Other objections come from those who had hoped that fees would be abolished in all schools, and now find that they are permitted—and, presumably, will be charged—in three out of five classes. The division of expenses between the State and the local authorities, and the knotty question of the recruitment of teachers, are other points which have caused comment. Nevertheless, such opposition is, in general, on points of detail. All are agreed that Mr. Butler, having faced the huge task of re-drafting an entire patchwork educational system, has produced a bill which, in spirit and in construction, is a model of post-war planning. We await with eagerness the announcement of a similar plan, comprehensive and unified, for Ireland.

"Anti-Social"

An interesting contrast is provided by two recent news items from Asia. The first is an announcement by the Chinese Cabinet spokesman, Dr. Chang Ping-hsun, to the effect that dancing, permanent waves and the drinking of wine in restaurants are banned by his Government. Dr. Chang adds that it is not seemly for civilians to give themselves up to luxurious ways of life when their compatriots are fighting and dying on the battlefield. On the other hand, five hundred Indian barbers, who staged a protest meeting in Fyzabad, in the United Provinces, have a bitter complaint to make. They condemn the practice of shaving at home as "sinful and anti-social," and Baba, one of the most celebrated of the barbers, has gone so far as to say that it must be impressed upon the westernised Indian that he is committing a sin morning after morning when he shaves himself at home. Judged by the standards of Baba and his associates, the behaviour of many millions of persons in all parts of the world must be sinful and anti-social; but that is rather beside the point. On the face of it, one may assume that the barbers are less interested in raising the ethical standards of their compatriots than in the preservation of their own means of livelihood. The Chinese restriction on luxuries may cause a certain amount of unemployment, but it will release many additional men for essential occupations, and it will save a lot of money that obviously could be used to achieve more constructive ends. India's barbers have no interest in the saving of money, but they seem to have a pronounced interest in the diversion of it in their own direction. Ingenuousness may have its virtues, but the severely practical trend of thought underlying the Indian hairdressers' appeal deprives its phraseology of much of its effect.

CRUISKEEN LAWN

By Myles na gCopaleen

Do fuaireamar, tadhgán le Dia Luain ón ball séadchán pin den Silva Gadelica, an Ard-Chaigd. Cuilleadh, téigeamar i dTí Mhiléadhg Uaithéda inniu do ceapamar beic imrice ón raol to go deo. Is mait fin. Molaim an té aca freastalcaí fa deaghobair.

Táthar ag ceiliadhar féile Órda na Hard Gravy—parúin—na hArd-Chaoide. Ar dtús na Lirpe cá gnian órda. Cá an gnian to leat-éiriste no leat-imrisce fiar—ni foiléir ciacá. Leat-éiriste, cá rith asam, óir ni caithéamaid an rmaoineam go mberd dorcadar an Déadla agus an Sallduadair (go forleathan) an fuo na cipe an can a béar leat-céad bliain eile imrisce.

Mínionn Lucc na Craoibe go dtuitean tapéir 50 bliain do caiceam "as raochd an ron na Saeoilge ir an Saeodealach." (Ionann rodal dúinn féin.) "Le linn na tréimhse rin," arsidsean, "rinne Lucc na hArd-Craoibe a gcionn féin cum curpóirí Connrad na Saeoilge do cur i gcrích, ag ni beid conad mar ir cóir an an raocan go mbeid an oibrith dúcdair i n-a.cinn áluinn aoibinn mar a gcómnócard a muinnir fá aoncaic, fá ceanc, fá ponar, fá raoipre ir fá riocdam."

Mmm. Mo cuid-re den ádhar, ir Saeodeal mé agur ca dtí rin canaim comporó agur aignear. Ir gnáin liom—agur ba gnáin le Saeodaid riam—"aoncaic" agur "riocdam." Agur ni binn liom cainnt daoc i dtaob "an oibrith." Ni ionholta dinni coipeda beic beag.

Cuilleadh eile—"cuigreas, ám," adeirid rid na Craoibe, "go mbeid olagán na bconn n-ard n-nadúrad le cloiteadh anoir ir anir le riseadh long airgeadair Craoibe an dit an read tréimhse com fada ran, agus ni caire don Ard-Craoibe é. I n-a diaid rin ir uile d'éirig le Lucc na hArd-Craoibe long airgeadair na Craoibe do coinneáil go rlán rabálta an Chiorlac na mara go nuige seo.

Long airgeadair, en? Conadcadh long! Ina breann adhad an focal . . . . punt!

AGUS FÓS LAMPA!

Acc ni chloc. "Cá muinnin againn acid," adeirid raoice na Craoibe liom ag dul na Lirpe, "a cara an Saeodealaigh." A chara an Saeodealaigh! Ni mire! "Iarmaimid ort rincior, beg no more. (— pádúin anir!) — beag nó mór, do feolad cuig Circeoin na Craoibe . . ."

Sinciúr! (Iomda na Shinties Saeolaca i naidiam.)

Agur cad cuige, dar leac, an bruilte na hoscoice reo ag éileam rinciúr uaimpe? Docum rgéa do glanad? (Ridiculous business, washing ravens.) Ni head. Docum teadra ruimiúla Saeoilge d'foiliúrú? Ni head. Docum muinceoiri Saeoilge do cosú? Ni head. Docum mé féin a diol ar leigeacht? Ir fiminneac nac ead. "Cun cadhú," adeirid, "leir an Lochann do coinneáil ar lasrad go foilliseach lonnpac i dcreo ir nac múchfaid gaoc dá lárpe ná anfad dá nadhárú é."

Féac ar fin. Canan "olagán na bconn n-ard n-nadúrad" agur an gaoc ro, ir inneacra go dtuitean as bnac an broc-aimrir. Cá bruil an Lochann ro? Bruil ré i dceac rolair an "chiorlac na mara" leir an Long do ro treonú?

"Cá binn-bhacla ar mácar, éire, as glaodhad orc agur cá ri as iarraid ar cabhrú léch."

Cad mar feall ar Bing-bnacha Crosbie?

AG FÉACHAINT SIAR

"Cia ar fon a bruil Connrad na Saeoilge as obair? An ar fon na gCaiticeac é? Ni head, acc ar fon na héimeann, agur ar fon muinnir na héimeann, toir Caiticis agur Procarúin, toir Saeóil agur Saeóil-Saill; agur ó 'read, cia an fác a bruil dream acu a fágail na h-oibre uilig as an dream eile le déanam? Cá eire 'n-a mácair fiat. Carcanac, cá gnáth agur fáilce aici de gac cuine dá cloinn, ir cuma cad é a cheireann an t-."

"Cheirim nach bruil aon duine com ceannódhac ná com ol-céillidhe an chác ro de té ir go nodéanad ré nac é 'anam cine a ceangal' ná gur feroir le cir a beit 'n-a náirinn dairiúd gan é."

—"An Claideam Solais," 1909.

MAGDEBURG

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The city of Magdeburg is neither the "Saxon capital" as you say, nor "the capital of Saxony" as another Irish paper had it, but merely the administrative centre of the province of Saxony, which forms a part of Prussia. This province consists mainly of those parts of Saxony which in 1815 were annexed by Prussia. The capital of Saxony is, of course, Dresden, which is equally situated on the river Elbe.

The name of the town of Magdeburg is well known to students of the history of the Reformation, since it was the place where the first Protestant history of the Church was compiled, and where, during the Thirty Years War a decisive battle was fought.—Yours, etc.,

PEREGRINUS.

Co. Dublin, January 24th, 1944.

R.D.S. MUSICAL RECITALS

Balanced team work was the most striking feature in the recitals given by Anthony Pini ('cellist) and Gerald Moore (pianist) at the R.D.S., Ballsbridge, yesterday. Pini will be remembered as 'cellist of the Brosa quartet, and Gerald Moore is now a familiar figure on this platform. As a pair they are splendidly matched, and their work has the hall-mark of great artists. They opened with the Sonata in G minor by the seventeenth century London composer, Henry Eccles. Perhaps, it gives the 'cello undue prominence, but that was no harm, as it afforded the opportunity to appraise the beauty of tone and sympathetic touch of the 'cellist. The Brahms Sonata in F major was much weightier, and was presented with keen appreciation of the work. There was great warmth and rich colouring, especially in the Adagio, where the chording at times was almost orchestral.

Granados' "Intermezzo" (Goyescas), and Albenis "Malaguena" were attractive, with their Spanish strain. The playing of Gerald Moore in these and in a nocturne by Boulanger was particularly appealing.

At night the Sonata in C major, op. 102 (Beethoven) was very impressive—there was a grand sonority in the sweep of the 'cello against the rich background of the piano. An arrangement by Pistigorski of the Chopin Nocturne in C minor, a Neapolitan Serenade by Sgambati, and a Mazurka by the Austrian Popper were happy pieces, but it was left to the Rococo Variations of Tchaikovsky to provide the *piece de resistance*. In it both players gave a wonderful display of virtuosity.

DIANA WONG AT R.D.S.

On Friday next, Diana Wong, the young Chinese film star, will lecture before the Royal Dublin Society on "Women of China." Miss Wong, who has appeared in many plays as well as films and is a fluent linguist, was born in Malaya, and educated there and in England. She is in a position to give a fascinating story of the liberation of Chinese women, who, having emerged from the stern cloister of the home, are now acquitting themselves with tremendous credit. She will illustrate her lecture with slides.

On Monday next, Heddle Nash will give two song recitals. Heddle Nash commenced his career as a chorister, and is now universally admitted to be as good a lyric tenor as there is in the world to-day.

ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

1.0-1.40—Radio Orchestra. 1.40-1.45—News and Stock Exchange. 1.45-2.30—Concert. 3.0—"Ar Thaisdeal Dom." 6.15—"The World at Work and Play," by Niall Sheridan. 6.40—Stock Exchange, Sports. 6.45—News. 7.5—Bridie Coyle (mezzo-soprano) and Patrick Coyle (baritone). 7.15—"Irath is Ceol:" 7.25—"American Anthology," by Austin Clarke. 8.15—Radio Orchestra. 8.50—"Padraic O Conaire—Scealuidhe—Andara caint o Mhaire." 9.5—Nuala Lawlor (soprano). 9.15—"The Squire" (Story). Radio adaptation by Fay Sargent. 9.35—Cinema Organ. 9.45—"Irish Music and Musicians." 10.0—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—"Have you Heard These?"

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BRONZE AGE FIND NEAR LOUGH MASK

Food vessels and other material from a recently-examined Bronze Age cemetery (about 1,500 B.C.) near Lough Mask are on their way to Dublin to form part of the National Museum Collection. They were found in a sandpit in the townland of Ballinchalla, about four miles from Ballinrobe, near the place where, in 1938, had been found another Bronze Age burial consisting of a cist, containing a cinerary urn inverted over a pile of cremated bones.

The recent findings bring the number of burials found in this sandpit site to eight, and they are within a few miles of the district of Moytura, which is famous for the number of its Bronze Age monuments.

A remarkable feature of the food vessels found in the more recently excavated cists is that two of them are lidded vessels, of which type only two or three had been known to be found in Ireland. Among those who helped in securing the articles for the Museum are Mr. Michael O'Connor, owner of the sandpit; Mr. Patrick Flannery, of Ballinrobe, and the Right Rev. Mgr. Hynes, President, University College, Galway.

PHYSICAL CULTURE FOR HEALTH

"If physical culture was made compulsory in every school in Eire it would be a vital step towards eliminating a great deal of the illness that is such a burden on the country," said Mr. P. J. Cassidy, Director of the Health Institute, when speaking on the subject of "Fasting and the Correct Breathing for Better Health" at yesterday's luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin.

Modern physical culture, he said, played an important part in building the body internally rather than externally, to enable it to increase its resistance to ill-health.

A two or three days' fast, he declared, improved one both mentally and physically, because it enabled the body to get rid of poisons that were at the root of every health trouble. As to breathing, the proper use of the lungs gave them healthier and longer lives.

"COOKED" IN FURNACE FOR ELEVEN YEARS

Eleven years ago—100,000 hours to be exact—four rods of a special steel were placed in an electric furnace in a United States research laboratory to find out how much the metal in steam turbines changes shape under prolonged high temperature and stress. A laboratory engineer specially assigned to the job has followed the experiment from the start, making a record every day. The test was recently completed.

The purpose of the test—longest on record—was to determine what stresses could be used at temperatures where all materials are plastic, to study the changes in the characteristics of the metal under prolonged conditions, and to determine whether the material became stronger or weaker during the eleven years. The wealth of valuable information collected will help in the design of more efficient turbines in the future.

IRISH INSECT PESTS

In most countries the Government employs a large staff of scientists to study insect pests, but Ireland is very backward in this respect. Much research remains to be carried out on the insect pests of this country and on the methods of killing them, said Dr. Bryan P. Beirne, in an illustrated lecture on "Butterfly and Moth Collecting in Ireland," at the Dublin Naturalists' Field Club, in the Academy House, Dawson street, Dublin, last night. He said that one pair of moths might have over 200,000 offspring in two generations.

Dr. Edward Sheridan was elected president, and Dr. R. Lloyd Praeger vice-president.

AIRMEN SAVE A VILLAGE

Though dazed and shaken by the impact, some of the crew of a bomber which crashed in the village of Shelfanger, Norfolk, yesterday, promptly made a big bomb load harmless, removing all danger to life and property in the parish. Two of the airmen were killed.

The plane came down in a ploughed field. It narrowly missed cottages, tore the top off a barn, and made a pancake landing a short distance from a farmhouse, where it burst into flames.

IRISH WILLS

Miss Elizabeth M. Giltrap, Humphreystown, Wicklow—£2,448 (Eire).

James J. McQuillan (retired rate collector), Fare street, Drogheda—£1,444 (Eire).

Walter Fallon, M.D., Eyre square, Galway—£1,217 (Eire).

The Argentine Ambassador in Madrid, Senor Ruiz Guinazu, has resigned.

LONDON LETTER

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON, MONDAY NIGHT.

THE basket and willow trade, which was languishing in the pre-war years, has had a widespread revival, due to war-time demand for new products, such as fire hose baskets and airborne panniers—wicker baskets. Seven thousand men are now busy in 500 different firms. The trade is supervised by the National Basket and Willow Trades' Advisory Committee, of which the chairman is Mr. Victor J. Collins, prospective Labour candidate for Taunton, whose family has been connected with the basket-making industry for more than 300 years. Recently the Committee had a request from the headmaster of a famous school of 300 boys asking to be supplied with substitute canes 3ft. 6ins. long and about ½in. in diameter, as regulation canes are unobtainable. "Fortunately the Committee has no control over the supplies of canes," states Mr. Collins, "so we were spared the painful necessity of taking action."

Beethoven Recitals

That remarkable Scots pianist, Frederic Lamond, who had lessons from Liszt, and who made his London début as far back as 1886, continues to delight audiences all over the country with his Beethoven recitals. At the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, a few days ago he played for nearly two hours with a single break to almost 1,000 people. In that time he had gone through three sonatas, the thirty-two variations in C minor, Andante Favoir and the Rondo in G major. His performance of the Moonlight Sonata was one of the highlights of the evening. Lamond has the impressiveness of the Sphinx at the keyboard, and his lack of demonstration makes the crash of his amazing chords all the more dramatic.

Restaurants

A new use is being found for communal feeding centres, and in many districts they are being opened as evening recreational centres, especially in towns where the lack of suitable accommodation for young people's clubs is most serious. For evening use they receive special extra supplies of tea, sugar, preserves, margarine and milk from the Ministry of Food. Dances, discussions and concerts are some of the attractions which have been arranged.

Emigration

No fewer than a million and a half people have left Scotland in the last eighty years—900,000 of them since the turn of the century—states Mr. J. G. Kyd, Registrar-General for Scotland, in a review of present population trends. "The vitality of Scotland is being, and has been, sapped by the export of her young men and women, the most virile of her people," he states. "Our post-war position will depend upon whether this drain is going to continue. There is plenty of room in Scotland for more than five million people." Mr. Kyd adds that the decreasing number of births is another serious problem, and unless there is a definite increase in the birth-rate the population will begin to fall substantially in 1970. No great reduction in the present mortality rate could be banked upon, except, perhaps, in infantile mortality.

"Old Moore"

Two almanacs by Philip Moore for 1580 and 1582, printed in London and bound in one volume, were sold for £31 at the three-day sale of almanacs, calendars and prognostications covering a period of five centuries, which began at Sotheby's to-day. Year books containing prophecies came into considerable circulation in Europe soon after the invention of printing. In Britain a heavy duty of fifteen pence was imposed for many years, and when it was repealed in 1835 a remarkable boom began, two hundred new almanacs being started. Many of these achieve a circulation of more than a quarter of a million.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY

Motor Cycle Conference

Commandant Stanley Woods, the world-famous motor cyclist, will appear in a new rôle on Saturday next, when he attends the inter-centre conference of the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland as President of the Southern Centre.

Never before has a rider of Wood's reputation been a high official of the Union. He will find himself in conference, however, with men who have been legislating as long as he has been riding, and who have achievements of organisation to their credit as worthy as his successes on racing circuits.

Although motor sport has ceased as a result of the war, the annual conferences between the men of Belfast and Dublin have not been allowed to lapse. There is not much work for them to do when they meet, but they keep the machinery of the Union in working order so that motor cycle sport may be resumed as soon as petrol is freely available again. They also keep alive the friendly Border-ignoring spirit that has been a characteristic of Irish motor cycling from the very earliest days of the pastime.

"Leg-Pull"

In his book, "Gentlemen, the Press," Mr. F. J. Mansfield refers to a "leg-pull" worked on visiting reporters. A similar incident occurred during the trial of the "Invincibles" charged with the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish and Under-Secretary Burke on May 6th, 1882. For the trial every important paper in Great Britain was represented in Dublin, and, of course, they received a good deal of hospitality from their Irish colleagues.

One of the visiting reporters, a Scot, professed to hold extreme political views, and inquired into the existence of secret societies, which he desired to join. The Dublin Pressmen were willing to oblige, and at night in the Ship Restaurant, a favourite resort, they arranged for a special meeting for the initiation of members. The old restaurant was duly fitted up to suit the occasion, with knives, crossbones, etc., decorating the walls, and the lights were low; and in the most solemn manner an awful oath was administered to the candidate for membership.

A Plot

The next business was the selection of some one to be murdered. When this was done, lots were drawn for the name of the person to carry out the deed, and, of course, the newly-elected member was selected.

He was staying at what then was known as the Prince of Wales Hotel, now the Metropole Cinema and Restaurant, and was told that the necessary instructions and implements would be delivered there the next day. A heavy box was delivered the following afternoon, but the guest had departed. The police were notified about the box, which was taken away and found to contain stones.

In a few days a letter was received from the pseudo-anarchist, informing the police that he had discovered the existence of a serious plot in which a number of prominent citizens, many of them well-known loyalists, were involved. As the police already were aware of the whole proceedings, the matter proceeded no further, but for years afterwards the story was a source of entertainment.

F.D.R.'s Answer

I note that *The Crimson*, an undergraduate newspaper of Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, recently printed the results of a questionnaire sent to 80,000 *alumni*. Among those who answered the questions was the President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, who gave his military duty as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army and Navy.

To the question asking whether or not the graduate went in for foreign service, the globe-trotting President replied: "Occasionally!"

QUIDNUNC.

DUBLIN THEATRES

Capitol.—Probably the best show that has yet been put on at the Capitol, under present management, is this week's "A Melodious Mixture," in which the two outstanding items are Bono's "ventriloquism" and Jack Nordell's singing of "Nirvana" and the Kashmiri love song. Johnny Caross, trouper, drew another surprise out of his apparently bottomless bag of tricks in the shape of a mattress acrobatic act. Mike Nolan has a number of new topical stories and a song about things in the news, while Molly Murphy sings nicely. The Capitol Girls take part in an attractive Indian setting for Jack Nordell's songs. The orchestra gives excellent renderings of a number of popular pieces. Johnny Keyes seems as popular as ever as a crooner.

Royal—Eddie Byrne (as Hamlet) and Noel Purcell (as the Ghost) make hay of Shakespeare this week. The scene ends with a topical song, in which Hamlet's father strangely comes to life. Eddie and Noel have another good scene on their way to a fancy dress ball, in which Noel makes full play with his incongruous talent for pathos. Frankie Blowers repeats his success with "Budd

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Announcements in this Column (which in all cases must be authenticated) are charged at the rate of 1/- per line (minimum 3/-).

BIRTHS

CRONIN—January 23, 1944, at Hatch Street Nursing Home, to Sheila, wife of Harry F. Cronin, Oakton, Ballybrack, a son.

FITZGERALD—January 10, 1944, at The Barn, Smallfield, Surrey, to Kay, wife of Maurice Southwell FitzGerald, a daughter.

O'HANRAHAN—January 19, 1944, at Leinster Private Nursing Home, to Sheila, wife of Timothy O'Hanrahan, 94 Ailesbury road, Dublin, a son.

ROBB—January 18, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robb, Leabeg House, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

BATESON and GRUNDY—January 19, 1944, at St. Ann's Church, Dawson street, by the Ven. Archdeacon of Dublin, Kenneth George, youngest son of W. G. Bateson and Mrs. Bateson, 20 Mellifont avenue, Dun Laoghaire, to Adelaide Laura, only daughter of the late Samuel Grundy and Mrs. Grundy, 28 Molesworth street, Dublin.

MATHEWS and KELLETT—December 21, 1943, at St. Ann's Church, Dublin, by the Archdeacon of Dublin, assisted by the Rev. — McKinley, Portarlington, Cecil G. Mathews, Wilton, Portarlington, to Sylvia M. Kellett, Beechwood House, Ballieboro'.

McDOWELL and RYNHART—December 22, 1943, at St. Stephen's Church, by the Rev. R. D. Macrory, M.A., Frederick John, youngest son of the late David Henry and Mrs. McDowell, Nobber, to Vashti Isobel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Rynhart, Blackrock, Dublin.

DEATHS

COGHLAN—January 24, 1944, at 25 Iona road, Dublin, Mary, widow of Charles M. Coghlan, P.C. Funeral (private) arriving (motor) Dean's Grange, to-morrow (Wednesday), 12. No flowers.

GELSTON—January 24, 1944, at her residence, St. Quentin, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, Nannie, widow of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Gelston, Dunbeg, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, and daughter of the late William Keating Clay and Mrs. Clay, Meadow Bank, Terenure. Funeral arrangements later. "At evening time there shall be light" (Zac. 14, v. 7).

HANRAHAN—January 23, 1944, at Hardwicke Hospital, Theresa (Tess) Hanrahan, wife of John Hanrahan, 1 Clare road, Drumcondra. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral from hospital to Corpus Christi Church to-day (Tuesday), 6 o'clock, and to Carrick Cemetery, Wexford, to-morrow (Wednesday), on arrival of train leaving Dublin 9 a.m.

HUNTER—January 20, 1944, at Kampala, Uganda, Henry Hamilton Hunter, C.B.E., LL.D., late of Radfords, Dawlish, Devon.

HUTCHINSON (by cable)—January 10, 1944, William Dery, formerly of Killiney, third son of the late Robert Deey Hutchinson, of Dundrum.

JAGOE—January 23 1944, in Dublin, William, beloved husband of Elizabeth Jagoe, formerly of Dunmanway, Co. Cork. Interment in Temple Hill Cemetery, to-morrow (Wednesday). No flowers, please.

KELLY (Hammersmith, London)—January 22, 1944, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Riordan, Cashel, Mrs. Julia Kelly, aged 88 years. Deeply regretted by family and friends. Interred in Cashel Cemetery on Sunday, 23rd inst.

MATHEWS—January 22, 1944, John L. Mathews, at his residence, Portarlington. Deeply regretted. Funeral took place to French Church yesterday (Monday) at 11.30 a.m.

MEHEGAN-McQUILLAN—January 24, 1944, Mrs. Anne Mehegan-McQuillan, 10 Glenarm avenue, Drumcondra. Requiem Mass, St. Columba's, to-morrow, 10 a.m., to-day (Tuesday). R.I.P.

NEWCOME—January 23, 1944, at Parochial House, Castlebridge, Wexford, Very Rev. Mark Newcome, P.P. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains were removed to Parish Church yesterday (Monday) evening. Office and High Mass to-day (Tuesday), 25th, 11 a.m. (O.T.). Funeral immediately afterwards.

WINCKLE—January 18, 1944, at Ben Win Holyhead, Joan, only baby daughter of Alex and Mollie. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

WYLIE—January 22, 1944, at Whitley Bay, Dorothy, beloved wife of Samuel Wylie, mother of Dom Isidore Wylie, O.S.B., and youngest daughter of late John H. Kirwan, B.A., Dublin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this column will be found in Page 3.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Miss Olive Blythe and relatives wish to thank all those who by their many great kindness, sympathy and flowers helped them so much in their recent sad bereavement, and hope they will accept this in grateful acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM

ROCHFORD—In fond and ever-loving memory of our darling, good and devoted mother, Mrs. Elizabeth (*nee* Redfern Kerns) Rochford, who died on January 25th, 1926, at her residence, Woodstock Villas, Terenure road, East. R.I.P. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Masses offered this day (Tuesday).

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